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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Nutrition Services, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). This RFP is being issued for the purpose of securing the services of a qualified proposer to transfer and convert a successfully established automated WIC clinic management information system from another state, to be used statewide by the Louisiana WIC Program. The proposer shall also provide maintenance and ongoing system support for the term of the contract.

The State of Louisiana, WIC Program has decided to replace the current WIC automated information system with a system that meets its automation, interface, and functional requirements.

Copies of the RFP can be obtained as of **June 18, 2002** by written, telephone or e-mail request by contacting:

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This RFP will also be posted on Office of Public Health's home page at the following link:

<http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/> under "OPH Reports"

and, at the Division of Administration's Office of Statewide Information System web site:

<http://wwwsrch2.doa.state.la.us/osp/lapac/deptbids.asp> under Department of Health & Hospitals.

All proposals must be received at the above address by **4:30 p.m., CST, Friday, September 13, 2002**. Proposals received after this time will not be eligible for consideration.

This announcement does not commit the Office of Public Health, Nutrition Services, WIC Program to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals. The Office of Public Health reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, all proposals submitted and/or cancel this announcement. Any contracts awarded shall be based upon the proposal most advantageous to the Office of Public Health, Nutrition Services, WIC Program, cost and other factors considered. All contracts are subjected to the availability of funds.

Proposers' Conference will be held on **Friday, July 12, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., CST**. It will be held in the Louisiana State Office Building in New Orleans at 325 Loyola Avenue, in Room 409. This conference is a mandatory event for every proposer. Proposals from proposers that are not present at this conference will not be accepted for consideration.